

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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TREASURER, may I present to you and this Convocation Anna Porter and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Anna Porter is one of this country's most prominent publishers and a major force in the publishing world. Throughout her career, she has endlessly promoted the work of Canadian authors both at home and abroad. Her efforts to enhance the cultural identity of our nation have earned her an Officer of the Order of Canada for national service and achievement.

Born in Budapest, Hungary, she and her mother were forced to leave their native home for New Zealand during the Revolution of 1956. In New Zealand, she continued her education, earning a Bachelor and Master of Arts from Canterbury University, Christchurch.

Anna Porter's publishing career began as a junior editor, in England, with Cassell and Company. She quickly advanced in her profession and moved to Canada where she became the Vice-President and Editor-in-Chief with McClelland Stewart. Today, she is the Chief Executive Officer of Key Porter Books, an accomplished author and well-known lecturer. Perhaps most importantly, however, she is an outstanding Canadian.

She is deserving of the highest honour this Society can give her and I request you, Sir, to confer upon Anna Porter the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.